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1. The Communist Party of India (CPI) has solicited cooperation from the Marxist Forward Bloc and the Revolutionary Communist Party of India (RCPI) for organizing a United Leftist Front in Malda, 24-Parganas, Burdwan, Birbhum, Midnapore, Hooghly, Bankura and Murshidabad districts.
2. A United Anti-Famine Committee has been formed in Malda to exploit the agrarian situation. Prinal Kanit Rose, Satyapriya Bannerjee, Promode Sen Gupta and Professor Khitish Chatterjee (aka Chattopadhyay) will address a conference to be held in Malda on 4 March 1951 to foster the discontent of the agrarian workers.
3. The Sundarbans area in the 24-Pargana District has been selected as the location for a peace convention campaign. The village of Hat-Covindapur in the Burdwan District has been selected as a center for agrarian agitation against the Government's foodgrain procurement campaign. The CPI, the Forward Bloc and Indian National Army Leaders from Calcutta have cooperated in the Midnapore District and organized a peace propaganda meeting in which they urged the peasants to withhold food grains from the procurement officials.*
4. The CPI, in cooperation with members of the Revolutionary Socialist Party (RSP), the RCPI, and the Marxist Forward Bloc, has organized the "United Progressive Bloc" (UPB) in Howrah for contesting the Howrah municipal elections. Kartick Chandra Dutt, President of the UPB, is a CPI adherent, while the Secretary, Sanyasi Patnaik, is a prominent member of the All India Trade Union Congress.
5. Under the auspices of the UPB of Howrah, CPI leader, Jyoti Bose; RCPI leader, Sourendra Nath Tagore; RSP leader, Tridib Choudhury, have been addressing public meetings on the same platform. Bibhuti (alias Nenu) Ghosh, of the Marxist Forward Bloc, has joined hands with them.
6. Both the CPI and the Marxist Forward Bloc have intensified their activities in Howrah and its industrial suburbs, and have distributed a large quantity of arms in the rural areas of this district. Supravat Mukherjee of the CPI is responsible for the arms hoarded in this district.

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7. The following persons are prominent CPI members who are organizing the United Leftist Front:

Dr. Radhakrishna Pal - Hooghly district

Jagadish Palit - Bankura district

Dr. Jyotish Chandra Ghosh - Midnapore district

Kanda Dulal Singh - Midnapore district

Dr. Saradish Roy - Birbhum district

Gouri Bhattacharya - Murshidabad district.

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- * ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ Comment. Recent violence by peasants opposing the officials has been reported by the press in various farm areas.

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